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Mr. Michael Scott
North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality
217 West Jones Street
Raleigh, NC 27603

RE: Chemours Plant
Hurricane Matthew Community Development Block Grant - Disaster Recovery Program

Dear Mr. Scott:

The State of North Carolina has received an allocation through a Community Development Block Grant - Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to help fund Hurricane Matthew recovery efforts. Under the CDBG-DR funding umbrella, the State of North Carolina has established Homeowner Recovery, Small Rental Repair, and Buyout/Acquisition Programs that include actions to address unmet housing needs in 50 eastern counties impacted by Hurricane Matthew. As part of these programs, funding is allocated for single-family (between 1 and 4 units, including mobile homes) housing-related activities to assist low-to-moderate income homeowners who experienced damage to their homes from Hurricane Matthew and have remaining unmet needs. Program activities include repair/rehabilitation, elevation, reconstruction, relocation, acquisition for buyout, acquisition for redevelopment, and reimbursement for eligible repairs. Although most projects are expected to involve repair/rehabilitation or reconstruction of homes within the previously disturbed footprints, there is the possibility of relocation of homes to previously undisturbed land.

The North Carolina Office of Recovery and Resiliency (NCORR), on behalf of the Responsible Entity (North Carolina Department of Commerce), is facilitating the federally required environmental reviews for the CDBG-DR single-family housing programs in these counties in accordance with 24 CFR Part 58.

The attached map depicts the 4 applicant home locations received to date within 5 miles of the Chemours Fayetteville Works plant. Due to known water contamination from Gen-X spills from the Chemours plant, the Program recommends that any home whose water is supplied by a well within a 5-mile radius of the plant be tested. The following three actions were suggested mitigation measures during conversations between the DEQ and NCORR.


1. Attach the home water supply to public water
2. Install activated carbon filtration (if over 140 ppt of GenX)
3. Install under-sink reverse osmosis filtration (if over 70 ppt of GenX)

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As there is no federal standard for Gen-X, we would like to request that DEQ make a determination as to what level of contamination requires the aforementioned mitigation measures. If Gen-X levels are determined to be above this threshold, NCORR suggests that these applicants are referred to DEQ in order to coordinate with Chemours on their behalf to ensure that mitigation costs are covered. Please provide feedback on your review of the proposed mitigation plan for these applicants.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Ebbighausen', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

John Ebbighausen
Director, Disaster Recovery Programs

cc: Daniel Herrera – Environmental Manager, NCORR